

Training and Licensing Opportunities

A variety of pest management licensing and training opportunities exist in California. The following organizations can provide information about licensing and/or training:

- The Department of Pesticide Regulation regulates pesticide use and sales and fosters reduced-risk pest management. For information about any of DPR's programs phone 916-324-4100 or see the Web site at www.cdpr.ca.gov.
 - Licensing: DPR is responsible for examining and licensing qualified pesticide applicators, and for certifying pesticide applicators who use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides. See the Licensing and Certification Program Web page at www.cdpr.ca.gov. DPR's licenses focus primarily on agricultural uses although maintenance gardeners are licensed by DPR.
 - Training: DPR has a list of all approved continuing education classes on the Web site that are frequently updated. Go to www.cdpr.ca.gov and click on either the Licensing and Certification Program link or the School IPM page link.
- The Structural Pest Control Board licenses businesses and individuals to perform control of structural pests. They also offer training. Contact them at 916-561-8700 or online at <http://www.pestboard.ca.gov/index.html>.
- Local community colleges: See the local yellow pages or go to <http://www.cccco.edu/> for more information.
- California State University: Visit the Extended University homepage at <http://www.gateway.calstate.edu/extension/index.shtml> for details.
- UC IPM's Pesticide Safety Education Program. This develops, tests, evaluates, and disseminates pesticide safety education models and materials in order to promote the safest and most effective use of pesticides. See <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/GENERAL/pesticides.html> for details and up-to-date class listings or call (530) 752-5273.
- UC Extension: Each campus of the University of California offers continuing education courses. Go to <http://www.ucop.edu/unex/> for more information.
- Many professional associations include IPM training at annual meetings or hold separate IPM training sessions.

For more information about local IPM training, contact the County Office of Agriculture or the county office of the University of California Cooperative Extension.